

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53:

Prior Application: H. SAWAGUCHI  
Serial No. 09/549,929  
Filed: April 14, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 2133  
Examiner: S. Baker

For: DATA RECORDING/READBACK METHOD AND  
DATA RECORDING/READBACK DEVICE FOR THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.